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MINUTES
OF THE
SEVENTY-THIRD ANNUAL SESSION
OF THE
CAPE FEAR ORIGINAL
Free Will Baptist Conference

HELD WITH THE CHURCH AT
SMITHFIELD
JOHNSON COUNTY, NOV., 3, 4, 5, 1927

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STANDING COMMITTEES.

Obituaries.—D. C. Johnson, D. R. Ennis.

Temperance.—W. R. Glover, J. F. Davis, Benj. Casey, Jr.

Education.—C. J. Thomas, J. H. Britt, W. B. Godwin.

Ministerial Labor.—C. J. Thomas, L. W. Warren, R. McLeod, M. B. Powell, F. C. Fitzgerald.

Executive.—B. P. Parks, W. A. Jackson, R. E. Thomas, Kirby West, N. C. Smith.

Mission Board.—J. C. Williford, C. J. Thomas, R. A. Coats.

Ordaining Council.—W. R. Coats, D. R. Ennis, B. P. Parks.

Apportionment Committee.—W. O. Jackson, W. H. Martin, Warren Jackson, C. J. Thomas.

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICE ADDRESSES.

Ennis, L. R. ----- Durham, N. C.

Coats, W. R. ----- Raleigh, N. C.

X Ennis, D. R. ----- Coats, N. C.

Faircloth, H. R. ----- Smithfield, N. C.

X Glover, W. R. ----- Dunn, N. C.

Johnson, D. C. ----- Smithfield, N. C.

Moore, J. W. *unable to attend but reported* ----- Princeton, N. C.

Wallace, J. R. *Sick* ----- Four Oaks, N. C.

X Westbrook, Ezekiel ----- Newton Grove, N. C.

Lancaster, W. H. ----- Smithfield, N. C.

Wooten, Hermon ----- Ayden, N. C.

Griffin, J. C. ----- Goldsboro, N. C.

X Peavy, A. B. ----- Godwin, N. C.

LICENTIATES.

Warrick, M. A. ----- Clinton, N. C.

Chamblee, Edward ----- Goldsboro, N. C.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

- 1—Introductory Sermon.
- 2—Enrollment of Standing Committees.
- 3—Enrollment of Ordained Ministers.
- 4—Enrollment of Licentiates.
- 5—Enrollment of Churches and Delegates.
- 6—Organization.
- 7—Appointment of Temporary Committees.
- 8—Petitionary Letters.
- 9—Hand of Fellowship to Visiting Members.
- 10—Reports from Churches.
- 11—Reports from Standing Committees.
- 12—Resolutions.
- 13—Reports from Temporary Committees.
- 14—Petition for next session of Conference.
- 15—Miscellaneous Business.
- 16—Vote Taken for the sitting of the next session.
- 17—Election of Officers.
- 18—Election of delegates to other conferences.
- 19—Arrangements of Introductory at next session.
- 20—Vote of thanks.
- 21—Adjournment.

PROCEEDINGS.

Smithfield, N. C., November 3, 1927.

The Seventy-Third Annual Session of the Cape Fear Original Free Will Baptist Conference convened with the church at Smithfield on the above date.

In the absence of the one elected to preach the introductory sermon, Rev. B. P. Parks was called to the stand and preached. Text: Nehemiah 6:3, "I cannot come down."

One hour and thirty minutes was given for dinner.

AFTERNOON—FIRST DAY.

Conference assembled at 2 P. M., for the transaction of business. In the absence of the Moderator, Bro. C. J. Thomas was elected Moderator pro tem. Prayer was offered by Rev. D. C. Johnson.

Enrollment First Day.

Officers.—B. P. Parks, Treasurer, W. A. Jackson, Secretary.

Enrollment of Standing Committees.

Obituaries.—D. C. Johnson, D. R. Ennis.

Temperance.—J. F. Davis.

Education.—C. J. Thomas.

Ministerial Labor.—L. W. Warren, C. J. Thomas.

Executive.—B. P. Parks, W. A. Jackson.

Ordaining Council.—D. R. Ennis, B. P. Parks.

Apportionment Committee.—W. A. Jackson, W. H. Martin, C. J. Thomas.

Ordained Ministers.—D. R. Ennis, L. R. Ennis, by letter; H. R. Faircloth, D. C. Johnson, W. H. Lancaster, A. B. Peavy, by letter; B. P. Parks, J. R. Wallace, Ezekiel Westbrook, Hermon Wooten.

Churches and Delegates.

Bethel.—W. H. Martin, J. P. Wilkins.

Casey's Chapel.—Benjamin Casey, Jr., H. H. Casey, M. B. Powell.

Daly's Chapel.—K. C. Carlisle, L. R. Radford.

Hopewell.—Lee Johnson, David Jones.

Johnson Union.—H. H. Underwood, S. C. Turnage, R. E. Thomas.

LaGrange.—O. Taylor, Mrs. Florence Anderson, Miss Nannie Sutton.

Powhatan.—D. N. Allen.

Prospect.—J. F. Avery, J. E. Dorman, A. F. Avery.

Pleasant Grove.—A. W. Faircloth, Jesse Moore.

St. Mary's Grove.—W. J. Langdon, D. B. Johnson.

Smithfield.—C. J. Thomas, L. A. Smith, Mrs. R. L. Sanders.

T Chapel.—D. B. Davis, J. L. Strickland.

Visitors and delegates from other Conferences:

Eastern Conference.—Rev. E. C. Gaskill, delegate.

Western Conference.—Rev. W. G. Boykin, visitor.

Appointment of temporary committees:

Religious Exercise.—L. A. Smith, Mrs. R. L. Sanders, R. E. Thomas, and
H. R. Faircloth.

Finance.—H. H. Casey, Lee Johnson, J. L. Strickland.

Reports from the various churches are received and read before the
body. (See Statistical Table.)

Committee on Religious Exercise report to preach tonight at 7 o'clock,
Rev. E. C. Gaskill. BY COMMITTEE.

On motion conference close till tomorrow 9:30 A. M. Prayer by Rev.
D. R. Ennis.

SECOND DAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1927.

Conference reassembled according to adjournment. Devotional exer-
cise conducted by Rev. D. R. Ennis. Roll called and minutes of yesterday
read and approved.

Enrollment Second Day.

Standing Committee.

Education.—W. B. Godwin.

Ordained Ministers.—J. C. Griffin, W. R. Glover.

Licentiates.—M. A. Warrick, Edward Chamblee.

Churches and Delegates.

Bethel.—J. A. Adams.

Corinth.—N. C. Strickland.

Lee's Chapel.—W. B. Godwin, T. B. Herring.

Robert's Grove.—A. T. Barefoot, L. W. Baggett, Mrs. L. W. Baggett.

Powhatan.—N. C. Smith, W. Z. Benson.

St. Mary's Grove.—R. A. Coats.

Shady Grove.—S. P. Hudson, Kirby West, Mrs. W. B. Dudley.

St. Paul.—A. H. Britt.

St. John.—J. R. Benton, Mrs. J. E. Benton.

Yelverton's Grove.—Ronie Daughtry, W. L. Lane.

Hopewell.—Albert Johnson.

Goldsboro.—W. L. Pearce, Mrs. Alma Furgeson, Mrs. J. E. Sorrel.

Visitors and delegates from other Conferences:

Western Conference.—S. H. Styron, L. T. Phillips, J. H. Worley, W. M.
Ferrell, E. C. Morris.

Central Conference.—W. E. Anderson, R. B. Spencer, President Eureka
College.

Committee on Religious Exercise report to preach at 11 A. M., Rev. W. E. Anderson.

BY COMMITTEE.

The business is continued under the head of reports from churches. At eleven o'clock Rev. Anderson preached a very able sermon. One hour and thirty minutes is given for dinner.

AFTERNOON—SECOND DAY.

Conference reassembled at 1:30. Songs of praise by the congregation. A petitionary letter is received from White Oak Grove Church, Lenoir County, asking admission into this body. The petition is accompanied by a letter of recommendation from the Eastern Conference where they were formerly members.

The hand of fellowship is extended to Bros. Ray Dawson, Seth Dawson, and Hermon Herring, as delegates.

The moderator extends to all the visiting delegates and ministers the privilege to address the Conference on any subject they might feel interested in. The following responded with short but very interesting talks, viz: Elders J. H. Worley, S. H. Styron, W. M. Ferrell, E. C. Morris, L. T. Phillips, E. C. Gaskill, W. G. Boykin.

Prof. R. B. Spencer, President of Eureka College, made a very able and impressive address on the work of the College. After the address the proposition to endow the College was very freely discussed, and by motion carried, it was decided to grant an endowment of \$5000.00, interest only to be paid.

A collection of \$30.25 is made and credited on the first year's interest.

The committee on Religious Exercise report to preach tonight at 7 P. M., Rev. E. C. Gaskill.

BY COMMITTEE.

On motion Conference close till tomorrow 9:30 A. M. Benediction by Eld. J. C. Griffin.

THIRD DAY—NOVEMBER 5

Conference reassembled according to adjournment. Devotional exercise conducted by Elder W. H. Lancaster.

Enrollment Third Day.

Standing Committee.

Temperance.—W. R. Glover.

Ordaining Council.—W. R. Coats.

Ordained Ministers.—W. R. Coats.

Churches and Delegates.

Oak Grove.—J. E. Warren, Miss Annie Warren.

Riverside.—M. C. Williford, L. P. Williford.

The business was again continued under the head of reports from the various churches and read before the body till completed.

The following committees made their reports and are adopted by the body.

Obituaries, Temperance, Education, Ordaining Council, Executive. (See reports).

The committee on Religious Exercise report to preach at 11 o'clock, Eld. E. C. Morris. This being the hour for preaching the conference took a recess till 1:30 for preaching and dinner.

AFTERNOON—THIRD DAY.

The business was continued with reports from committees—the following reporting:

Apportionment, Ministerial Labor, Finance, (See reports).

Petitions for the next session of conference are received from Casey's Chapel and Hopewell churches. By vote Casey's Chapel will be favored with the next session.

Elder D. C. Johnson is elected to preach the introductory sermon.

On motion the Secretary have 1000 copies of the proceedings of this conference printed and distributed as follows: 25 copies each to the Eastern, Western, Central, French Broad, Pee Dee, and Rock Fish Conferences, and the remainder to be distributed among the various churches of this Conference according to membership.

On motion the secretary be allowed to draw on the treasurer for all expense of minutes together with \$10.00 for his services.

On motion the Secretary be authorized to confer with the other conferences in regard to unifying the annual church report blank.

Election of Officers.

J. C. Griffin, Moderator.

W. A. Jackson, Secretary.

B. P. Parks, Treasurer.

Election of Standing Committees.

Obituaries.—D. C. Johnson.

Temperance.—Benjamin Casey, W. R. Glover.

Education.—C. J. Thomas, R. McLeod.

Ministerial Labor.—M. B. Powell, F. C. Fitzgerald.

Executive.—R. E. Thomas, Kirby West, N. C. Smith.

Mission Board.—R. A. Coats.

Ordaining Council.—W. R. Coats.

Apportionment.—W. A. Jackson.

Election of Delegates to Other Conferences.

Central.—B. P. Parks.

Western.—H. R. Faircloth.

Eastern.—Ezekiel Westbrook.

State Convention.—D. R. Ennis.

On motion we extend to the Smithfield Church and town a rising vote

of thanks for the hospitable manner in which they have entertained this session of conference.

On motion conference adjourn to meet with the church at Casey's Chapel, on Thursday before the first Sunday in November 1928, at 12 M.

Closing remarks and prayer by Eld. D. C. Johnson.

W. R. COATS, Moderator.

C. J. THOMAS, Mod. Pro tem.

W. A. JACKSON, Secretary.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES.

Obituaries.

We, your Committee on Obituaries beg to report as follows:

Since our last Conference the Lord in his providence has not seen fit to call from our midst any of our brother ministers, for which we feel very grateful to Him for his mercy.

D. C. JOHNSON,

D. R. ENNIS,

Committee.

Temperance.

We, your committee on Temperance beg to report as follows:

Seeing the great evil of intemperance we recommend that this conference go on record as being vigorously opposed to the liquor traffic, and that both minister and laymen do all in their power to stop the use thereof.

We further recommend the strict observance of church covenant in regard to the use of strong drink.

J. F. DAVIS,

W. R. GLOVER,

Committee.

Education.

Realizing that the only true education is Christian education,

Be it therefore Resolved, That we put forth every effort possible to uphold and maintain our denominational institutions, viz: Eureka College, the Orphanage, and our church paper, the Free Will Baptist, also the various auxiliaries of the church.

May we ever strive to keep before the world the spiritual power of the Church of Jesus Christ as taught by the Free Will Baptist denomination.

C. J. THOMAS,

Committee.

Ministerial Labor.

We, your Committee on Ministerial Labor, beg leave to report as follows:

All of the ministers have made their reports to us either in person or by letter except Bro. J. W. Moore, who upon inquiry, find him to be strong in the faith but has grown old and become very feeble in health and has also become inactive as a minister.

Reports have come to us that friction exists between some of our ministers, but owing to the limited time we have had to investigate, and the insufficiency of facts in the matter we have let it go by for the present.

We ask that any of our ministers who may have grievances toward each other adjust their differences as quickly as possible and that all work together in harmony.

L. W. WARREN,
R. McLEOD,
R. A. COATS,

Committee.

Executive.

We, the Executive Committee, beg to report that we have not held any meeting or attended to any business since our last Conference.

W. A. JACKSON,
B. P. PARKS,

Committee.

Mission Board.

We, the Mission Board report that we have not done any mission work since last Conference, as the mission work has been done through the Mission Board of the Union Meeting.

W. H. MARTIN,
Committee.

Ordaining Council.

We, the Ordaining Council, report that we have not had an applicant for examination and ordination since our last Conference, but will meet at the next union for the purpose of examining those who desire to be examined.

W. R. COATS,
D. R. ENNIS,
B. P. PARKS,

Ordaining Council.

Apportionment Committee.

We recommend the following distribution of all funds received at this Conference:

Orphanage, 20 per cent, plus 7.00-----	\$ 38.58
Ministerial Education, 10 per cent -----	15.80
College Maintenance fund, 15 per cent -----	23.68
College Loan fund, 10 per cent -----	15.80
F. W. B. League fund, 10 per cent -----	15.80
Disabled Ministers, 5 per cent -----	7.89
Miscellaneous fund, 30 per cent -----	47.38

Total ----- \$164.93

W. A. JACKSON,
W. J. LANGDON,
W. H. MARTIN,

Committee.

REPORT OF TREASURER AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

November 4, 1927.

On Hand at the Close of Last Conference.

For Orphanage at Middlesex	\$ 40.19
For Ministerial Education	42.93
For Ministerial Loan Fund of College	24.10
For Disabled Ministers	65.24
For Miscellaneous uses	84.55
For College Building	20.09
For Free Will Baptist League Work	16.08
For College Maintenance Fund	16.08
Total on hand	\$309.26

Paid Out Since Last Conference.

To R. L. Little for Orphanage	40.19
To M. B. Prescott, College Loan Fund	24.10
For Printing Minutes	50.00
To W. A. Jackson, Clerk	7.50
For College Maintenance Fund	16.08
For College Building	20.09
Free Will Baptist League Work	16.08
Total paid out	\$174.04

Brought Forward From Last Conference.

For Ministerial education	\$ 42.93
For disabled ministers	65.24
Miscellaneous item	27.05
Total	\$135.22

Received at this Conference:

For Conference Funds	\$157.93
For Orphanage	7.00

Total amount on hand ----- \$300.15

B. P. PARKS, Treas.

LEE JOHNSON,

H. H. CASEY,

Committee.

MINISTERIAL REPORT 1927.

Churches	Com. Funds	Paid to Pastor	Ass't. Pas. Ser.	Organists	Education	Ministers	Churches Served	Members Received	Sermons Preached	Days in Revival	Churches Organized	Deacons Ordained	Funerals Preached	Sunday Schools Organized	Sunday School Lectures	Married	Mission Point	Missionary Societies Org.	Amount Received.
White Oak Grove	2'00	120'00				L. R. Ennis	2	22	137	47			4			2			\$1406.80
Levaston Grove	2'10	132'01	1'40			W. R. Coats	2	16	102	14			3			2			450.00
Darla's Chapel	2'00	60'00	60'00	3'30		W. R. Glover		12	4										30.00
L. Chapel	2'00	180'00	32'00	13'00		D. C. Johnson	1	11	40	10			8			4	12	1	135.00
Smithfield	2'00	320'00	116'00	10'00		J. W. Moore													
St John	2'00	188'00	10'00	10'00		W. H. Lancaster	4	37	152	70			3	4		1			660.00
St Mary's	2'12	132'00	32'00	10'00		A. B. Peavy													
St Paul	2'00	500'00	20'00	42'00		J. R. Wallace				6						2			11.00
Spring Grove	1'00	380'00	62'00	13'00		Ezekiel Westbrook	1	9	120	40						3			233.00
Kopetka Grove	1'20	380'00	62'00	13'00		H. R. Faircloth	4	36	102	60			17			3	14	1	1158.00
Blairidge	2'00	135'20	43'00	20'00		D. R. Ennis	2	15	80	25			2	6	1	3		1	400.00
Blessant Grove	2'00	135'10	34'28	33'13		B. P. Parks	6	50	150	60			2	7					1865.80
Blosser	2'00	300'00	23'00	22'00		Herman Wooten	4	104	180	60			4	6	2	4	4	5	1255.81
Boymann	12'80	300'31	21'00	22'00		J. C. Griffin	1	84	173	72			1	9		1	7	1	2100.00
Oak Grove	2'00	321'00	13'00	32'00															
Lee's Chapel	2'00	300'00	40'00	20'00															
LeGrange	2'00	332'00		108'00															
Johnson Union	2'22	300'00	34'00	30'00															
Hobbsell	38'03	323'12	63'32	24'40															
Coopersboro	12'00	200'00	32'00	136'00															
Cassidy's Chapel	10'00	302'32		60'00															
Conity	4'00	100'00	60'00																
Belvel	2'00	2300'00	220'00	2102'00															

STATISTICAL TABLE 1927

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TABLE III.—CHURCH DIRECTORY 1927. -----

Churches and Counties	Clerk	Post Office Address	Pastors for 1927
Bethel, Johnston	D. D. Thomas	Four Oaks	L. Vernon
Corinth, Sampson	N. C. Strickland	Dunn	D. R. Ennis
Casey's Chapel, Wayne	Benjamin Casey	Goldsboro	B. P. Parks
Daly's Chapel, Lenoir	Walker Carlisle	LaGrange	Ezekiel Westbrook
Hopewell, Johnston	Mellie Johnston	Smithfield	H. R. Faircloth
Goldsboro, Wayne	L. K. Stallings	Goldsboro	J. C. Griffin
Johnston Union, Johnston	Allie Thomas	Wilson Mills	H. R. Faircloth
LaGrange, Lenoir	J. W. Wilson	LaGrange	Hermon Wooten
Lee's Chapel, Sampson	W. B. Godwin	Dunn	B. P. Parks
Oak Grove, Sampson	Westbrook Lee, Sr.	Newton Grove	J. W. Alford
Powhatan, Johnston	N. C. Smith	Clayton	H. R. Faircloth
Prospect, Harnett	R. McLeod	Dunn, R 3	W. R. Coats
Pleasant Grove, Harnett	A. W. Faircloth	Linden	W. H. Lancaster
Riverside, Wayne	L. P. Williford	Princeton	W. H. Lancaster
Robert's Grove, Sampson	S. F. Jackson	Cooper	B. P. Parks
Shady Grove, Sampson	W. A. Jackson	Cooper	R. F. Pittman
St. Paul, Sampson	J. H. Britt	Newton Grove	C. M. Johnson
St. Mary's, Johnston	W. J. Langdon	Benson	D. C. Johnson
St. John, Wayne	D. J. Vinson	Goldsboro	W. H. Lancaster
Smithfield, Johnston	F. C. Fitzgerald	Smithfield	H. R. Faircloth
T. Chapel, Johnston	Johnnie R. Davis	Pine Level	W. R. Coats
Yelverton's Grove, Johnston	L. E. Adams	Wilson Mills	S. H. Styron
White Oak Grove, Lenoir Co.	Ray Dawson	LaGrange	R. C. Kennedy

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT 1927.

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The next Convention will be held at Prospect church on the second Saturday in October, 1928, at 10 A. M.

A. T. JACKSON, Sec.-Treas.

C. E. LEE, President.



